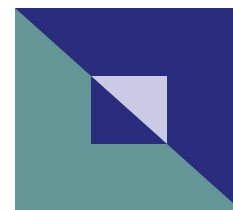


THE NORTH CAROLINA  
ASSOCIATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND DISABILITY



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"To provide a support network for institutions of higher education in order to improve the development and implementation of services to persons with disabilities."

## NC AHEAD Fall Conference Highlights

The ninth annual fall conference *Accommodations in Autumn: Timely Information for Equipping Disability Services Providers* was held at the ASU Broyhill Center October 20-21, 2005. Dr. Jane Jarrow, President of Disability Access Information and Support (DAIS) and former Executive Director of AHEAD presented knowledgeable and practical technical assistance regarding reasonable accommodations for distance learning and traditional classes, as well as technical standards and eligibility criteria. Jane's rapid-fire delivery, extensive knowledge and enlightening examples gave us plenty to think about.

First of all, distance learning is not the best option for some students, including students with disabilities. Issues Jane raised included: (1) how do we work with students who are truly distance learners and not physically on campus. How do we learn of them, interview them, advertise our existence? (2) What about different /additional documentation procedures? and (3) Notifying and working with faculty.

Jane provided us with some basic operating principles regarding technical standards and eligibility criteria. Many of us have experienced faculty who have tried to set technical standards that will specifically exclude students with disabilities. Once again Jane gave us some clear-thinking principles to guide us such as: focus on WHAT must be accomplished, not HOW it is accomplished; "you may not use exit criteria as entry criteria." and "You may not establish technical standards and eligibility criteria that hinge on the status of not having a disability."

We ended the conference day with break-out sessions for public, private and community college so each group could discuss issues pertinent to their particular situations.

After a full day of listening and learning we were ready to ride the Applcart down the mountain to *Legends* for networking, stress management, line dancing lessons and Bar-B-Que.



Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Jane Jarrow

On Tuesday Judith Risch from OCR talked about a number of landmark cases that disability professionals should be familiar with. Ms. Risch also noted that OCR does not make advisory opinions, and that the laws apply only in the USA.

Afternoon concurrent sessions included: "Assistive Technology: Teach your Faculty" with Wanda Horvath, Candace Ring, Judy Stoneham and David Propst; "Transitioning from high school to college" with Mary Helen Walker; and "Creative Funding: Small Stuff" with Nance Longworth.

### Membership Report by Linda Stedje-Larsen

Most members from 2004-05 renewed their memberships for another year and we gained some new members. The following joined for the first time or came back to the group after being off the list for a while: Martha Kniseley Hill, Johnson & Wales; Nancy Sizemore, Wilkes CC; Laura

Bracken, Helen Dollyhite and Candace Ring, Surry CC; Janice Reaves, Alamance CC; Judith Risch, OCR. Our membership list currently includes 128 people from 57 institutions. Being able to speak with others who face the same challenges that I do in my role of service to students has been a

great help to me. I hope each of you will continue to encourage colleagues to join, and make a special effort to invite any new colleagues. We don't hesitate to support our students. Let's make the same effort to recognize that we need support too.



Rhonda Treadaway begins her Presidency.

## From the Desk of the President

I would like to begin by saying what a great honor it is to serve this group of disability service providers as President. NC-AHEAD has come a long way since the beginning in 1995. We started as a small group, but currently have 128 members. At our Fall Conference in Boone, I took over as President. It was a very exciting time for me. I want to serve you to the best of my ability. I have received e-mails and phone calls with questions, have worked with Georgia AHEAD in putting together the first Southern Regional Conference, have been in contact with and participated in a telephone conference with AHEAD and all

of the affiliates that could join to discuss updates, have had two Board meetings and plan to attend the Southern Regional Conference in March and the AHEAD conference in July. I would like to encourage you to get involved in NC-AHEAD. If someone would have told me in 1995, that one day I would be President of this great organization, I would have never believed it. Some of you are new to disability services and some of you are more experienced, but all of you have a place in NC-AHEAD. Your involvement is what makes this such a wonderful organization to belong to – for all of us. I am very proud of

my Board and the Committee Chairs on the Board for being motivated to work for NC-AHEAD. It is rewarding, exciting, and worthwhile to give to this group and watch it grow. Please let me know any concerns, questions, suggestions, and comments. I am here to serve you, and enjoy doing it! Thank you for the opportunity to be your President. I hope to make you proud of belonging to NC-AHEAD

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## Laura Thomas Award

This year's Laura Thomas Award was presented to Claire Hunter, Department Chair of Developmental Education at Guilford Technical Community College. Claire was nominated by Pat Bunge., Learning Disabilities Specialist at GTCC. Pat's nomination letter read in part: As a reading instructor in developmental education whose background includes special education, she shared the vision in 1992 of establishing a program for students with learning disabilities at GTCC. She requested release time to work with me to establish GTCC's Learning Disabilities Program. The year and six months I worked directly with her were the most rewarding and challeng-

ing of my career! Her professionalism, creativity, and expertise are exemplary! Her enthusiasm is contagious! She worked tirelessly with me to problem solve and create new ways of approaching instruction of students with learning disabilities and to develop a strong and respected program. In her role as Department Chair of Developmental Education, which is the largest department on campus with over 4,000 students in collective developmental classes, she is disAbility Access Services' strongest supporter. She is a great team player who does not seek individual recognition. She is quick to action; always available; and does not realize the difference she makes, "because

**it is just the right thing to do!"**

*The Laura Thomas Award "... recognizes an outstanding professional outside the field of disability services who has demonstrated exemplary support within a postsecondary academic setting ...and who may not realize the value of what he/she does."*



## News from the Membership

- Both **Judy Stoneham** from Blue Ridge Community College and **Teena McCrary** from Caldwell Community College are now part time, working exclusively with students with disabilities. Judy is working TWTH.; Teena is working 20 hours, which definitely does not include Fridays.
- **Janice Reaves**, Alamance Community College will retire July 1.
- **Nancy Leonard** has been promoted to Director of Disability Services at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute.
- Sabina Vermelen reports that **Ricky Lee**, Assistant Director and Coordinator of Assistive Technology in

the Disability Services Office is the 2005 recipient of the Stephen E. Sallee Award of Excellence in the field of Assistive Technology.



### Boot-scooting providers.

Diane joins other members learning a new skill at Legends in Boone.

## Educational Outreach Committee

The Educational Outreach Committee has been working for several years to educate public school personnel about the transition from high school to college for students with disabilities. A PowerPoint presentation was created by Mary Helen Walker, approved as NCAHEAD training, and presented at county, state, and national levels. The presentation, entitled "STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN

HIGHER EDUCATION: Legal Aspects of Post-Secondary Accommodations of Students with Disabilities", can be viewed at <http://www.uncp.edu/dss/ecteach/erpresentation.ppt>

The committee plans to continue this work in new directions. The training will now be made available to students with disabilities and their parents.

Efforts are also underway to provide this information to education majors, so that they are aware of these issues before they begin working with students with disabilities. Work has been completed on a revised version of the training targeted to education majors. The committee plans to continue work on several goals this year with the creation of a student/parent version, a strategy to reach edu-

cation majors system wide, and a system to allow any NC AHEAD member to present the training in their local areas.

Anyone interested in more information may contact the committee chair, Dorothy Wells at 910.521.6695 or [dorothy.wells@uncp.edu](mailto:dorothy.wells@uncp.edu)



## Fall Conference at UNCG



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